

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**PATENT APPLICATION  
ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 06558.011002**INFRASTRUCTURE-INDEPENDENT DEEPWATER OIL FIELD  
DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT****Abstract**

A method for developing a sub-sea hydrocarbons field includes sub-sea wells, sub-sea oil/gas separation, storing the degassed oil in a storage tank located on the seabed, liquefying natural gas aboard a vessel using liquid nitrogen aboard the vessel to obtain liquefied natural gas, transporting the liquefied natural gas to an onshore terminal, re-gasifying the liquefied natural gas, and obtaining a new batch of liquid nitrogen using energy recovered from the re-gasifying the liquefied natural gas.

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